



Flathead County
Emergency Medical Services
Administrative Board

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February 22nd, 2010
Regular Meeting

Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD
Fran Laukaitis
Jason Spring
Myrt Webb
Bob Kun

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Miller at 2:00p

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve agenda as received, Webb
SECOND, Laukaitis
Approved

Election of Officers

Chairperson: Webb nominated Miller
MOTION to close nominations, Kun
SECOND, Webb
Approved

Vice Chairperson: Kun nominated Webb
MOTION to close nominations, Spring
SECOND, Laukaitis
Approved

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve Minutes for December 21st 2009, Laukaitis
SECOND, Webb
Approved

Citizen Comments

Mary Granger, Lakeside QRU: Expressed concern regarding the process for minute approval and posting. It was explained that minutes must be approved by the Board before posting. This generally results in a month's delay before the minutes are made public. Mary also expressed concern that the City of Kalispell was considering using AMR medical transport services. Miller concurred, commenting that the Board had not been informed of the intention. Granger addressed rumor that KFD will no longer respond to Blacktail Mountain Ski Resort, indicating that Lakeside QRU will do whatever it can to provide transport services.

Others Present

Mark Peck
Tim Soule
Mary Granger
Kris Long
Dan Diehl
Amanda Norenberg
Rodney Dresbach
Richard Briles, MD
Russell Sappington
Kim Vierra-Diehl
Kathaleen Krass
Lance Westgard
Cody Westgard
Craig Williams

Rod Dresbach, West Valley Fire: Questioned County protocols not having been presented to the Advisory Committee, being implemented without committee input. Miller responded that the protocols have not been presented to the board for approval and therefore not formally implemented. Dr. Briles responded that the protocols were presented in an open forum recently. Valid concerns and suggestions resulted. The protocols are now under review and will be presented to the committee before being presented to the Board.

Kathleen Krass, Olney Fire: Questioned whether the protocol presentation was appropriate agenda item for a continuing education event. She asked if any recommended protocols will fall within guidelines set by the Board of Medical Examiners. Miller assured her that they must fall within these guidelines.

Kris Long, Westside Ambulance: Expressed concern that the recommendations from last year's Study Group haven't been implemented and that "wheels are spinning". She asked for a written plan that the agencies can review; one that explains the direction and goals of the County EMS system. Miller explained that a business or strategic plan will be drafted.

Ad Hoc allocation committee report

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EMS BOARD

PROPOSED FUNDING STRATEGY

Criteria: advantage- simple to administer, disadvantage- treats all recipients the same

Performance: advantage- set standards and reward high service, disadvantage- more complex to administer

Combination

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EMS BOARD

PROPOSED FUNDING STRATEGY

CO-RESPONDER FUNDING: 20%	\$ 75,573.12	Criteria: Population
READINESS FUNDING: 32%	\$ 120,187.20	Performance: hours provided for emergency calls
OPERATIONS FUNDING: 48%	\$ 183,150.00	Performance: actual emergency dispatches
TOTAL-	\$ 378,910.32	

PROPOSED FUNDING STRATEGY

<i>Provider</i>	<i>Populatio n</i>	<i>Rate/capit a</i>	<i>SubTotal</i>
BadRock Fire	1685	0.96	\$ 1,617.60
Bigfork Ambulance	4064	0.96	\$ 3,901.44
Big Mountain Fire	1718	0.96	\$ 1,649.28

Canyon QRU	1261	0.96	\$	1,210.56
Creston Fire	4126	0.96	\$	3,960.96
Evergreen Fire	9523	0.96	\$	9,142.08
Kalispell City Fire	20298	0.96	\$	19,486.08
Lakeside QRU	3805	0.96	\$	3,652.80
Marion Fire	765	0.96	\$	734.40
Olney Fire	207	0.96	\$	198.72
Smith Valley Fire	4095	0.96	\$	3,931.20
West Flathead Ambulance	?	0.96	\$	-
Three Rivers Ambul	7759	0.96	\$	7,448.64
West Valley Fire	5377	0.96	\$	5,161.92
Whitefish Fire	14039	0.96	\$	13,477.44
GPIA	?			
Blacktail Ski Patrol	?			
Border Patrol	?			
Total			\$	75,573.12

READINESS FUNDING

Provider	# manned units	# of hours opn	Rate/hr	SubTotal
BadRock Fire		8760	0.98	\$ -
Bigfork Ambulance	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Big Mountain Fire	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Canyon QRU		8760	0.98	\$ -
Creston Fire		8760	0.98	\$ -
Evergreen Fire	2	8760	0.98	\$17,169.60
Kalispell City Fire	2	8760	0.98	\$17,169.60
Lakeside QRU	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Marion Fire	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Olney Fire	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Smith Valley Fire		8760	0.98	\$ -
West Flathead Ambulance	1	8760	0.98	\$8,584.80
Three Rivers Ambul	2	8760	0.98	\$17,169.60
West Valley Fire		8760	0.98	\$ -
Whitefish Fire	2	8760	0.98	\$17,169.60
GPIA	?			
Blacktail Ski Patrol	?			

Border Patrol	?	\$
	14	120,187.20

OPERATIONS FUNDING

<i>Provider</i>	<i>Est Runs</i>	<i>Rate</i>	Operations Total	Total Readiness & Operations
BadRock Fire	0	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$1,617.60
Bigfork & Ferndale Fire	500	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$24,986.24
Big Mountain Fire	90	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$12,484.08
Canyon QRU	0	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$1,210.56
Creston Fire	0	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$3,960.96
Evergreen Fire	950	\$ 25.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$50,061.68
Kalispell City Fire	2600	\$ 25.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$101,655.68
Lakeside QRU	250	\$ 25.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$18,487.60
Marion Fire	60	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$10,819.20
Olney Fire	50	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$10,033.52
Smith Valley Fire	0	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$3,931.20
West Flathead Ambulance	160	\$ 25.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$12,584.80
Three Rivers Ambul	1219	\$ 25.00	\$ 30,475.00	\$55,093.24
West Valley Fire	0	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$5,161.92
Whitefish Fire	1447	\$ 25.00	\$ 36,175.00	\$66,822.04
Total	7326		\$ 183,150.00	\$378,910.32

Webb, Laukaitis and Soule were asked to build a distribution formula. The above tables reflect the recommendations made by the *Ad Hoc* committee. Soule reminded the board: the numbers will change depending on all variables.

The funding formulas will be discussed at the March 10th Advisory Committee meeting and return to the board with recommendation at the March 15th meeting.

Special Request Review Process

All requests have been submitted and will be prioritized by Briles and Soule. This recommendation will be submitted and discussed at the March Board meeting. Webb expressed a desire to see the Board consider "gap funding" rather than special request funding. Spring would like to have information allowing the Board to identify where gaps exist. Soule responded that a comprehensive needs assessment along with a business plan is needed before determining future requests

Medical Directors Contract

The County Attorney has indicated that modifications must be made pertaining to liability insurance. Dr. Briles must provide information regarding premium cost which will then be incorporated into the contract for the Board's consideration. Spring asked that the contract contain wording regarding the Medical Director's relationship with the local hospitals. Soule suggested that he develop the desired language and submit it to the County Attorney before the March meeting.

Paramedic Manager's Report

Soule and Briles have begun meeting with the units to discuss Medical Direction. Soule, Briles, and Norenberg have begun setting up meetings with instructors to discuss a standardized training system, and specifically Basic endorsements. Soule will be traveling to Baltimore for an EMS conference including an ambulance management academy among many other classes. This class will be helpful in writing the county business plan and creating the county wide system.

Soule is in the process of creating the 2011 Budget. A preliminary draft will be available at the March meeting. At that time the board will be able to make changes, additions, and/or subtractions. The budget process will take a couple of months.

Future Agenda Items

Ad Hoc committee report
Special requests priorities
Medical Director Contract revisions
Recap Baltimore trip
Budget

Board Member Comments

Kun: If it is true that AMR will be doing business with Kalispell we must look at the amount of money being allocated to the city. If the city wants to be an island we must consider that. He also expressed extreme concern with Bigfork ALS response. Other agencies have had to respond due to lack of staffing. Soule indicated he was aware of the problems, that he has had numerous conversations with personnel in Bigfork and that he has made suggestions to remedy their internal issues.

Laukaitis: Made a plea to limit rumors by calling the party involved to verify information.

Webb: Responded to Kun, indicating future funding strategies should encourage all units to strive for 100% readiness. The formula should not allocate as much to units that have service restrictions.

Miller: Again expressed his frustration that Kalispell's intent to meet with representatives of AMR was not disclosed to this Board. He urged all providers to become members of a team.

Adjourned 3:30p